

PRESIDENT CONFIRMS REPORT OF TEUTONIC PLOTS AGAINST U. S.

Washington, March 1—Full official confirmation of Germany's intrigue to ally Mexico and Japan with her to make war on the United States, as revealed last night by the Associated Press, was given today at the White House, the state department and in the senate.

On the floor of the senate it was announced that democratic senators had been authorized to state that the revelations, including the text of the instructions from German Foreign Minister Zimmermann to German Minister Von Eckhardt at Mexico, were correct.

On motion of Senator Lodge the senate at once took up a proposal to ask the president to communicate the facts to congress officially. After debate Senator Stone's request to have the resolution referred to the foreign relation committee without any instructions as to when it should report was adopted by unanimous consent.

TEUTONS IN RETREAT ON ANCRE RIVER

Systematic Withdrawal of Forces is Admitted in Berlin—Fall of Bapaume Stronghold Believed Near

Allied Forces Are Pushing Enemy and General Retreat Is in Progress—British Pursue Turks.

Berlin, Mar. 1, by wireless to Sayville.—German army headquarters today announced a voluntary and systematic withdrawal of parts of the German advanced positions on both banks of the Ancre, on the Franco-Belgian front.

Fall of Bapaume Near.

Paris, Mar. 1.—The Germans already have fallen back behind Bapaume and the fall of that town is imminent, according to information from the front which has reached military circles here. The new German line is said to run along the road from Bapaume to Peronne and some distance in the rear of the former town.

During their retirement the Germans have systematically destroyed their depots and provision depots and rendered their trenches useless. An Australian patrol in one place found a chain stretched across a ravine and discovered in time that it was connected with a mine at either end. The German artillery fire is said to have been notably feeble during the recent retreat, but heavy guns are reported still in position at Bapaume, mounted on rails.

Encounters between French and German patrols took place during last night in the Argonne and east of Metz, Alsace, the war office announced today. Prisoners were taken by the French in the course of these operations.

BRITISH TOWN IS BOMBED BY HOSTILE AERO

London, March 1.—A hostile airplane dropped bombs today on Broadstairs, it is announced officially. The announcement follows: "Today a hostile airplane bombarded Broadstairs. One woman was slightly injured."

Broadstairs, on the island of Thanet, off the Kentish coast, is one of the towns shelled by German destroyers on Monday.

THE WEATHER
New Haven, March 1.—For New Haven and vicinity: Partly cloudy to-night and Friday.

GERMAN CONSULATE IN JUAREZ ROBBED; PAPERS ARE TAKEN

Juarez, Mex., March 1.—The German Consulate here was robbed last night and a number of important official papers were reported to have been taken from the files of Consul Max Weber, in charge of affairs for the German government in northern Mexico.

ROGERS ATTACKS UTILITIES BOARD IN LEGISLATURE

Member From Manchester Again Takes Wallop at Commissioners.

(Special to The Farmer)
Hartford, March 1.—An attempt on the part of House Chairman Peasley of the judiciary committee to pass under a suspension of the rules, a resolution appointing Guy S. Bushnell, judge of the town court of Enfield, provoked a clash in the house today. The judiciary committee conducted a hearing yesterday at which Lincoln W. Morrison, the present judge, defended his right to a reappointment. Both Mr. Bushnell and Mr. Morrison are Republicans, although the latter was an active member of the Progressive party. When Mr. Peasley brought the matter up in the house today, Mr. Rogers, the militant young member from Manchester, referring to the flood of literature which the town court fight has provoked, asked Mr. Peasley how the Republican town committee of Enfield stood.

Mr. Peasley in reply said that the Democratic state central committee of Enfield, vehemently predicted disaster for the Republican party if Mr. Bushnell were endorsed by the committee. Representative Geary, the Democratic leader of the House, took exception to Mr. Peasley's reference to the state central committee, and said that he believed as a member of the House and as a member of the judiciary committee that the committee finally agreed upon the man the people of Enfield and the Republican party of Enfield did not want.

The debate was growing acrimonious when Representative George S. Parsons of Enfield moved that the matter be tabled. The motion was lost, 103 to 72. Then Mr. Peasley's motion to pass the resolution naming Bushnell judge under a suspension of the rules was lost, 115 to 64, lacking four of the necessary two-thirds vote. Mr. Bushnell's nomination therefore took the usual course and went to the calendar.

Mr. Rogers of Manchester scarcely waited for this storm to subside before starting something else.

The committee on judiciary had reported unfavorably his bill under which the public utilities commission could not refuse to hear testimony of persons who could not qualify as experts.

Mr. Rogers launched into an attack upon the methods of the Utilities Commission but in spite of his efforts, the committee's unfavorable report was adopted.

EVANKO ESTATE
Inventory of the estate of Joseph Evanko, filed in the probate court today, shows \$1,000 equity in real estate in Arctic street. Joseph Bedna and Joseph Adzuma are the appraisers.

REPUBLICAN FILIBUSTER DISSOLVING

Evidence on Every Hand in Senate That Opposition to President's Armed Neutrality Bill in Breaking Up.

G. O. P. Legislators Assure Democratic Leaders of Support Following Revelation of Vast Teuton Intrigue.

Washington, March 1.—Evidence was on every hand in the senate today that the Republican filibuster against defense legislation and the armed neutrality bill was rapidly breaking up. Several Republican senators, in the light of the international revelations, assured Democratic leaders that they would stand by the president.

A special rule for immediate consideration of the Flood bill to empower the president to arm and protect ships under "United States registry" was favorably reported today from the house rule committee. The rule was adopted without roll call and a three-hour general debate on the measure was begun immediately.

Spurred by increasing menace from Germany, House leaders today planned to seek action before night on the bill authorizing President Wilson to arm ships and rush it to the senate where an agreement exists not to pass a similar measure before tomorrow. Opposition dwindled rapidly as members of Congress learned of the German plot to involve Mexico and Japan in war with the United States and additional reports came in of the torpedoing of the Laconia and the detention of four American consuls in Germany.

The House bill, which contains no authorization for the president to use "other instrumentalities" in defense of neutral rights and would prohibit government war insurance for ships carrying ammunition, might reach a vote by 4 o'clock this afternoon under a special rule which Chairman Flood of the foreign affairs committee expected to press today.

It became known authoritatively today that the President indorses the Senate bill which includes the "other instrumentalities" clause and carries (Continued on Page 2.)

PARIS ANNOUNCES SINKING OF FOUR MERCHANT SHIPS

Paris, March 1.—The sinking of the following vessels was announced officially here today:
Clan Farquhar, British steamship, 5,553 tons gross, on Feb. 26.
Galgorn Castle, British sailing ship, 1,594 tons, on Feb. 27.
Marie Joseph, French schooner, 192 tons, on Feb. 28.
Sjostad, Norwegian steamship, 1,155 tons, on Feb. 28.

SENATE INFORMED THAT PLOT REPORT IS BASED ON FACT

Washington, March 1.—Official confirmation of Germany's intrigue to ally Mexico and Japan against the United States, disclosed last night by The Associated Press, was made in the Senate today where a resolution based on the disclosures was debated for two hours. Senator Swanson said the press reports of the plot had been confirmed by both the White House and State department.

After a lengthy debate, the Senate referred, without instructions, to the foreign affairs committee a resolution by Senator Lodge asking the President to furnish full information on the intrigue.

The communication was brought up by Senator Lodge, who introduced a resolution proposing that the President inform the senate if the note signed "Zimmerman" is authentic.

Senator Swanson of Virginia, said he was authorized to state that it is "substantially correct."

Senator Swanson informed Senator Lodge that the Democratic senators had been authorized by the president to state that the account of the Zimmermann note as revealed by the Associated Press was substantially correct.

Senator La Follette said he would not object to passage of the Lodge resolution providing that the senate be supplied with all other information regarding this matter if not incompatible with the public interest.

"It is time," said Senator La Follette, "that we should know how long the president or any branch of the government has had the document in his possession."

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VACATION PERIOD AT EASTER-TIME TO BE CURTAILED

In order that the pupils may make up time lost through the poliomyelitis epidemic, the public schools of Bridgeport will be curtailed this year. The schools will be closed for Good Friday only, allowing teachers and pupils that day, and will re-open again Easter Monday morning at the usual hour.

This schedule has been arranged so that the time lost by the late opening of the schools last fall may be made up and so that the schools may close on June 29 for the summer vacation instead of continuing the sessions in to July. Because of the prevalence of infantile paralysis, the public schools did not open here last fall until September 25. This was two weeks later than the time scheduled.

Since the interruption to public school schedules all over the state due to the infantile paralysis visitation, the State Board of Education has decided to waive for this year the rule making it compulsory that school children have at least 180 days' vacation in the year. The arrangement which Samuel J. Slawson, superintendent of schools, here, has made is a readjustment to schedule of all classes in all public schools here.

The Senate foreign relation committee this afternoon ordered a favorable report on the Lodge resolution after changing only a few words.

The committee struck out the provision asking the President for information as to when the Zimmermann letter came into possession of the United States.

Secretary Lansing authorized this statement: "We do not believe that Japan has had any knowledge of this or that she would consider any proposition made by an enemy."

As to Mexico, the Secretary said: "We have confidence that Mexico would not be a party to any such agreement in view of the friendly relations existing between this government and the de facto government of Mexico."

Secretary Lansing took good care, it will be noted, to exonerate Japan and Mexico, and said this government had no knowledge that the proposal had been conveyed through Mexico to Japan.

In view of the fact that the plan was not to be presented until "it is certain that there will be an outbreak of war with the United States," it was not certain, Secretary Lansing said, that the matter had been officially presented to Gen. Carranza at all.

It is known definitely, officials said, that Zimmermann's instructions reached Count von Bernstorff here in Washington, that he forwarded them to Mexico City and that they reached the German minister there. At this point the trail of official certainty is lost to view.

Secretary Lansing flatly refused to give any indication of how the information came into possession of the United States government, on the ground that it would endanger the lives of those concerned. He refused to discuss the source in any way.

Ambassador Sato of Japan was informed of the possession of the text of Germany's proposal by this government yesterday afternoon when he called at the state department to see Counsellor Polk. Officials here expect Japan will welcome the opportunity to reiterate her allegiance to the Entente alliance and that the occasion will be taken as a means of cementing relations between the United States and Japan.

The effect of the situation on congress was almost instantaneous. Republican senators who had been filibustering against the proposal to empower the president to arm ships and to use "other instrumentalities" to deal with Germany began abandoning their opposition and assured Democratic leaders that they would stand behind the President.

Secretary Baker conferred with President Wilson today and afterward volunteered the comment that "this is a very serious situation."

MEXICAN OFFICIALS SILENT.

Mexico City, March 1.—Most of the Mexican officials here declined today to discuss the effort of Germany to involve Mexico in a war with the United States except to say that they thought such efforts were vain and that Mexico would be neutral.

ROCKEFELLERS FILE PLEAS
Washington, March 1.—John D. Rockefeller and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., individual defendants in the government's dissolution suit against the United States Steel corporation, today filed pleas in the supreme court asking dismissal of the suit so far as they are concerned. The Rockefellers say they have retired from the corporation's directorate, now own "a negligible amount" of its stock and took little part in the alleged trusts formation.

CENSUS REACHES 200,000.
Hartford, March 1.—Announcement made today was that 20,000 names had been recorded in the state's military census and it was estimated that half the work was done.

REV. W. G. FENNEL BURIED.
Hartford, March 1.—The funeral of the Rev. William G. Fennell, late chaplain of the Senate, was held this afternoon.